

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	1437 S. BOULDER AVE. SUITE 1400 TULSA, OK, 74119
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LINDSAY JOHN W <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE., SUITE 1400 <small>(Street)</small> TULSA, OK 74119 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Exec. VP & COO
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">12/21/2010</p>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/21/2010		M		9000	A	\$13.87	86000	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2010		S		9000	D	\$48.588 (1)	77000	D	
Common Stock								9290	I	By 401(k)

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$13.87	12/21/2010		M		9000		12/4/2003 (2)	12/4/2012	Common Stock	9000	\$0.00	7000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The noted price is the weighted average sale price for all sales. The range of prices for the transactions were as follows: \$48.57 to \$48.61. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request of the SEC staff, the issuer or a stockholder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) The options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/04/02 at an exercise price of \$27.74, becoming \$13.87 post stock-split in July of 2006. The options vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vested and became exercisable.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LINDSAY JOHN W 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE., SUITE 1400 TULSA, OK 74119			Exec. VP & COO	

Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for John W. Lindsay

12/22/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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